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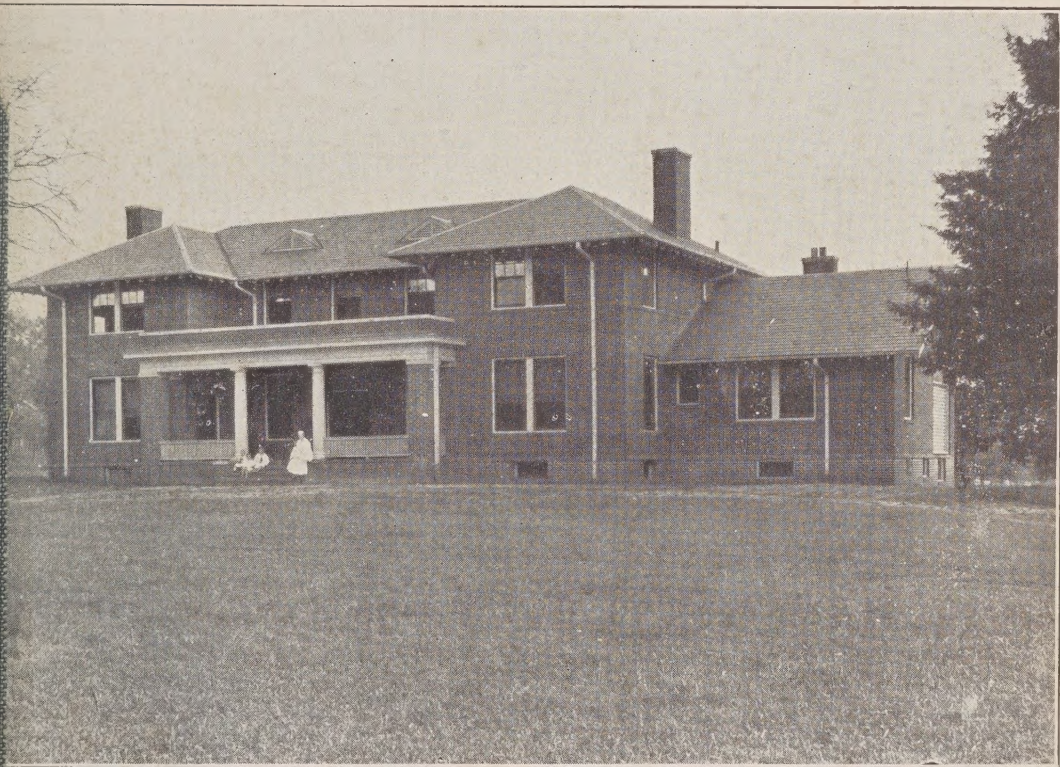
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THE BUILDING FOR SMALL CHILDREN  
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CHARLOTTE, N. C.



THE EDWIN A. OSBORNE MEMORIAL BUILDING  
For Babies and Small Children. Recently Opened. It Will Accommo-  
date Twenty-four

## The Edwin A. Osborne Memorial Building

In 1921, the E. A. Osborne Memorial Building for children under four years old was erected. It is around this new cottage that much interest is being centered at present. On May 5, 1920, when the Diocesan Convention met in Charlotte, it was proposed by Mr. W. A. Erwin, of Durham, that a Baby Cottage be built, and he stated that he himself would make a large contribution towards it. This plan was favorably received, and on the following day during the session of the Convention, the rest of the money needed for the building was raised. At this time, Mr. Erwin suggested that the cottage be a memorial to the Rev. E.



A. Osborne, the first Superintendent of the Orphanage, and that it should bear his name. This occurred on Mr. Osborne's birthday. It was a singular coincidence that on the same date, just one year later, the ground was broken for the new building and the work begun.

The building has been furnished with substantial North Carolina furniture, sanitary equipment, copper screens all over, and modern plumbing. It will accommodate twenty-four children, several of whom have arrived already and applications can be made now for admission. Mrs. Emma P. Wharton has been selected as matron and is now in charge.

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**Financial Statement of F. O. Clarkson, Trustee Thompson Orphanage  
Endowment and Building Fund, Treasurer of the Fund**

RECEIPTS:

By	Thos. H. Battle -----	\$ 1,000.00
	Thos. H. Webb -----	1,000.00
	Rich. H. Lewis -----	1,000.00
	Mrs. R. L. Tate -----	250.00
	Mrs. Eldred Griffith -----	25.00
	Erwin R. Holt -----	2,500.00
	D. Y. Cooper -----	3,000.00
	J. H. Cutter -----	5,900.00
	J. H. Van Ness, Jr. -----	10.00
	W. A. Erwin -----	10,000.00
	Mrs. F. G. McCombs -----	106.30
	Mrs. S. Westray Battle -----	2,000.00
	Mrs. J. S. Myers -----	50.00
	Rawlinson Myers -----	100.00
	F. L. Williamson -----	2,500.00
	J. Augustus Moore -----	500.00
	Accrued Interest -----	516.35
	Total -----	\$30,457.65

DISBURSEMENTS:

To	Louis H. Asbury, Architect -----	\$ 634.75
	J. A. Gardner, Contractor -----	22,452.60
	Hornets Nest Electric Co., wiring -----	248.50
	C. J. Anthony, painter -----	115.25
	Grinnell Co., contract heating -----	1,347.00
	Walker-Tompkins Co., plumbing -----	1,629.85
	Winchester Electric Co., fixtures -----	170.81
	Cincinnati Fly Screen Co., screens -----	365.00
	Furnishings -----	1,162.25
	Total -----	\$28,126.01
	Balance on hand to complete furnishing -----	2,331.64
		<hr/> \$30,457.65

August 15, 1922.



## The Thompson Orphanage: A Sketch

The Thompson Orphanage and Training Institution for the support of orphaned and dependent children in the State of North Carolina, is supported by the Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina. It is situated in the heart of Charlotte. The property consists of seventy acres of land, thirty acres being under cultivation, and eight large buildings besides a number of smaller ones, two laundries being included in the latter. Federation Cottage, which takes care of sixteen girls, is only ten years old. This modern and up-to-date cottage was built by the Federation of Thompson Orphanage Guilds in the State. Just one year previous to putting up this building, the Stedman Memorial Building, the Superintendent's home, was built with money left the Orphanage in the will of the late James Cooper Stedman.

As its name implies, this institution is a Training School as well as an Orphanage. Most of the work in the houses, laundries and on the farm is done by the girls and boys, partly to keep down expenses, and partly for their training. The girls are taught to cook and sew and do all kinds of housework. The boys are taught to farm and keep the grounds in order.

The Christian influence here is strong. The children receive excellent Church training in the Chapel Service every morning and at the Services on Sunday and in the Sunday School Classes, as well as in the Bible Lessons taught in the school room.

The Orphanage School takes the boys and girls through the seventh grade, and some of them, after completing the seventh grade, go out into the city to High School.

There is an effort made to maintain as much of the normal home life as possible, and it is hoped that before many more years the cottage system may be adopted more fully than it is now, when the two largest buildings may give place to smaller ones to take care of not more than sixteen or twenty girls or boys.

Due to the resignation of the Rev. Walter J. Smith as Superintendent some time ago, the Rev. William H. Wheeler, of Wilmington, was elected and has accepted the call to take charge of the Orphanage as its third Superintendent, the Rev. Mr. Osborne, the first Superintendent, having served twelve years, and the Rev. Mr. Smith having served twenty-four years in this capacity.



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